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# My Muslim middle name 'Hussein' creates suspicion among Israelis, says President Obama

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WASHINGTON - President Obama

suggested Thursday that his Muslim middle name - Hussein - makes a lot of Israelis nervous about his commitment to the Jewish state.

When asked by an Israeli interviewer why many Israelis are "anxious about you," and "feel like you don't have a special connection to Israel," Obama said, "Some of it may just be the fact that my middle name is 'Hussein,' and that creates suspicion."

Obama told Israel's Channel 2 TV that apprehension about his name among Israelis could be eased if they checked the roster of his top aides.

"Ironically, I've got a chief of staff named Rahm Israel Emmanuel," Obama said, and "my top political adviser (David Axelrod) is somebody who is a descendant of Holocaust survivors."

Obama's favorability ratings have consistently come in below 50% in Israeli polls, and some have been below 20%. But that could change for the better after Obama's White House meetings this week with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu got a positive reception in Israel.

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"I expect President Obama's popularity in Israel will increase dramatically" after the fence-mending sessions, said [Jennifer Lazio Mizrahi](#), president of The Israel Project nonprofit.

In [New York](#), Netanyahu said, "We had a very good day in Washington" in his talks with Obama and he pledged that "I'm prepared to take risks" for peace if the Palestinians will engage in direct talks.

But Netanyahu also suggested that he would not extend a moratorium on new housing starts in the [West Bank](#) past September as the price for beginning peace talks.

"I think we've done enough. Let's get on with the talks," Netanyahu said at a [Council on Foreign Relations](#) forum.

In his TV interview, Obama said his pursuit of a two-state solution to the Mideast conflict and his efforts to involve Arab states in the process may have been misunderstood among Israelis.

"My outreach to the Muslim community is designed precisely to reduce the antagonism and the dangers posed by a hostile Muslim world to Israel and to the West," Obama said.

His successful meetings with Netanyahu had also convinced him that Israel would not surprise the [U.S.](#) with a unilateral attack on [Iran](#), Obama said.

"I think the relationship between Israel and the U.S. is sufficiently strong that neither of us would try to surprise each other," Obama said.

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### Velvet8

5:42:16 PM  
Jul 9, 2010 its allinperception. Have to hand it to you that was actually funny. Also how nice of you to hold Bite's hand while he is licking his wounds. Who said liberals are all bad. but could we please get back to the topic or have we done it to death for today?

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### Skinny atlas

6:00:56 PM arthurg 1:11 PM Jul 9, 2010 Partial quote : "As for Barack Obama: he was never a Muslim, albeit that he spent a few childhood years in a predominantly Muslim country: Indonesia. Where, not so incidentally, they do not speak Arabic! He was born in Hawaii, and his birth certificate there is a matter of public record. He was born in 1961" End quote 4 questions for you and all the others who don't doubt the Obama myth How do you know he was never a Muslim ? Why did his mother marry a second Muslim if neither she nor her son were Muslims at the time ? Does he speak Arabic ? What is the name of the doctor who delivered him ?

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## TUP-TUP MOM

10:10:50 PM Republicans\_Bite -----if you keep on repeating yourself longenough, you and your girlfriend itsallintheperception may actually believe your Obama propoganda.Have you taken a spin on her broom with the cape on? Let me know so that I can be on a look out..that picture will be priceless...

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## CherCher

10:35:56 PM Here's the thing: all of Barak Hussein Obama's 8 half sibilings in Kenya are muslims. His dad, grandfather, step grandmother and all his other relatives alive and those deceased are or were muslims. His mother's second husband was a muslims and their offsprings are also muslims. You mean to tell me that Obama is the only one of his entire generation, with the exception of his American family, who is not a muslim. Yet, since he has been president apart from one occasion, I have not seen him set foot in a chirsitian church anywhere in America. Here is a man who mocks the Bible (see him on youtube doing it) yet tells a new York Times reporter that the sweetest sound he has ever heard was a muslim prayer (I forget the name of it). When the Isreali Prime Minister was at the White House the last time, Obama did not take a photo with him. To insult the Prime Minister, Obama left him and went to eat his dinner. How ungracious and ill mannered could you be to have a guest in your hous

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## arthurg

6:14:58 AM Dear Skinny Atlas and CherCher: It's already Saturday morning, so don't know if you'll get to read this. Obama's mother? Seems she had a thing for dark-pigmented men! From what I have read: she was not religious, and neither were either of her husbands --- who may have come from Muslim families but were not themselves religious. Barack Obama's grandparents --- who brought him up in Hawaii from the age of 10 --- were Unitarians. Barack's half-sister (born in Indonesia) married a Canadian-Chinese from Vancouver and they are Christians. Barack married into a Christian family. He may not (now) be a regular churchgoer; neither was Ronald Reagan! No, CherCher, I don't know the name of the doctor who delivered Barack Obama, but I'll bet you could find that out if you really wanted to do some serious research in Honolulu Hospital records!

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